2226 Spruce St.
Philadelphia. June 22/97

The Rev Wm Southland Robinson

Dear Sir.

Mr Humeston.
of Skaneateles, has written
to me, stating you would
like to hear from me, in
regard to Northminster
Church in this city.

I am at present in a Hospital under treatment for my eyes. and am obliged to dictate.

I have quite a number of acquaintances in that church. and can probably give a reasonably accurate judgment in regard to the matters about which you desire information.

The church is large and made up of a body of virgins

and earnest people. I think their work is well organized. and they would stand loyally & heartily by their Pastor.

That has been their record for many years past. and I see no reason why they should now depart from it.

The Church has a fine plant. and is well situated for aggressive work.

If there are any particular phases of the question. which you are considering, that I

have not erred I should be glad to have you call them to my attention. I do not at present recall any thing which in justice to you I ought to mention, in the way of unfavorable criticism of the church.

Yours very truly,
Robert R. Willem,
per M.

Mr C W Robinson Sept 30th 1867

Dear Pastor

Words can scarcely convey to you the regret that I feel at your decision to sever your connection as Pastor of Park Church; I had hoped that you might decide otherwise.

My having been away from Syracuse for nearly two years I have somewhat lost track (so to speak) in a great measure

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the working of the church but really supposed that everything was working satisfactorilly to both pastor and people, consequently the first intimation of the probability of your leaving came to me as a great surprise; while I could see many things that might be discouraging to you as a pastor of Park church, yet I trusted that there was enough of good that might overcome the failure, for I felt assured that you not only preached the word but by example of life were giving the word of God to the people as He by His Spirit gave it to

-you

I fear it will not seem like going home any more, to find your place filled by a stranger; but if seems, we live in a world of change no resting place, when duty calls we must obey, especially if we hear the voice of God in that call. I trust and pray that the Church at Philadelphia will receive both you and sister Robinson with open arms and hearts and that your labors among that people will be blessed of God and crowned with success, is the earnest prayer of your humble friend and worker

Mrs Delia Fletcher

COPY.

Siegfried, Pa., Feb. 25.

Dear Brother Woodbury,

Your letters with Kohout's reports have been received. I am of the opinion of Losa that an organization of adherants should be made as soon as possible and those giving evidence of conversion brought with fellowship with other Christians. Kohout's reports indicate that he has some warm hearted converts, and HAD they been organized I think it would have given them an incentive to build themselves up in numbers and in ability to do more toward the support of work among them.

About another man in his place, those of you are better able to judge OF the man you need thanII. I suppose we cannot get a good man for less than $1000, and I would not hesitate to offer it if I knew the Presbytery would raise the funds. But there is the difficulty, and I suppose we shall have to come to the work of canvassing and button-holing individuals in the different localities where we have work.

John Ondrejovich left us last October and went to Richmond to study for the ministry. I hear that he is disappointed and I have been authorized by the Board to invite him Back. If he accepts I could send him temporarily to St. Clair. If he does not accept I think the Board will commission Mr. Martin Krall. If it does so I will send him, if it is thought best. But he is greenin the work and might not do well there as a beginner.

I hope that divine guidance will be vouchsafed to us that the work begun may be successfully prosecuted.

Fraternally yours,

J. F. POLLOCK.

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Siegfried, March 2nd, 1910.

Dear Brother Woodbury,

If Mr. Novak is willing to come without seeing the field, I would engage him. He may want us to pay alsp for his moving expenses, and our treasury is not in a condition to incur. extra expense. In other calling men incur some expense in looking for a change of field, and if you are willing to take him on his recommendations, he should be willing to come on a fair description of the field. I agree with Mr. Losa that the work should be organized as soon as possible, and I think that Kohout is far too conservative in this matter.

If we had the money I would not hesitate in saying, send for Mr. Novak, and if you are mutuallypleased engage him. But it seems to me, from past experience, that there are some who would make use of us for a jaunt to the east, with no bona fida intension of taking the field.

But the committee on the ground, know best, and I would submit to its judgment. I have not yet heard from Ondrejovich, but expect to shortly.

Fraternally Yours,

J.F.POLLOCK.

WESLEY K. WOODBURY,
COUNSELOR AT LAW
POTTSVILLE, PA.

March 3rd, 1910,

Thursday, 2 P. M.

Rev. W. C. Robinson,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st instant relative to the mission at St. Clair, for which please accept my thanks. I seem to be acting as sort of an exchange bureau in this matter, but feel that before any decisive action is taken, the Committee of our Presbytery in connection with yourself or some one from your church should meet and thoroughly go over the situation, and this should be done before Mr. Kohout goes away.

I enclose you copy of letter received from Rev. J. F. Pollock,D.D., the chairman of our Presbyterial Committee, who lives at Sigfried. Rev. J. H. Eastman,D.D., our pastor, W. T. Smyth, who is a member of our church and superintendent of the St. Clair Coal Co., and myself have been acting as a local committee on this work. We very much appreciate the confidence that has been reposed in us, but at the same time do not care to take the responsibility as to what should be done after April 1st without consultation with all those concerned.

We feel that Mr. Kohout has done a very valuable work at St. Clair. The foreigner has had some one to whom he could go and receive unselfish advice and direction. Mr. Kohout once gave us a diary of his work during a single week which showed the great benefits which flow from this settlement work. He has been able to visit the foreigner in the hospital and the jail, to untangle many complications between the employer and the foreigner

and save him from many impositions, and in this way has won the hearts and confidence of the people themselves. I believe he has a nucleus which could be formed into a church organization, but the population has been so shifting that up to this time we have not felt ready to advise this step. However, this matter with all others should be brought before the committee at our meeting.

John Androkovich, who is referred to in Dr. Pollock's letter, was the young man who first started the work in St. Clair and had the confidence of the people, and I thought the work might possibly be continued by him or some other man who has not been ordained until we were ready for a permanent and settled pastor.

I pray that we may all be rightly led in this matter. The work has the hearty approbation of the local pastors. In fact, the pastor of the Baptist Church came to see me to know if there was not some way by which Mr. Kohout might be retained. To my mind it is Home and Foreign Missions combined, and the seed sown there not only improves the little community residing there and makes them active christian workers, but scatters the seed to the ends of the earth.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Crawford Curry

P.S. Since dictating the above, Mr. Kohout has been in to see me. He tells me that a year ago last Christmas he informally organized his people into a christian society known as the Biblical Christian Society; that there were 25 members, but

nearly half of these have gone away since; nevertheless, their places have been filled by members of his congregation, and that he has about fifteen who would be ripe for church membership. He however has felt that on account of the shifting population, it would be better to have this informal organization than a regular church organization, but I suggested that this is a matter that should be seriously considered by those interested in the work when they meet. They raised year before last $15 and last year about $26. for Foreign Missions.

P.S.No.2. After I had closed my first postscript, Dr. Eastman, our pastor, came in and I took up this work at St. Clair with him. He is thoroughly convinced that the work should be continued; that it is a very valuable one, and, as our church gave very largely to it, he was wondering whether your church and ours, and we may add possibly a couple of others, could not undertake this work ourselves, and have it under the supervision of a committee of such churchs, and report to be made to the Presbyterial Committee and by them to Synod, and, as I have said above, I wish we might have a meeting here very soon, at which I would hope that both you and Mr. Fiske might be present.

Saint Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church
Middletown, N. Y.
Charles L. Walworth, D. D.

April 25, '10

Rev. W.C.Robinson,D.D.

3504 Baring St., Philadelphia.

My Dear Dr Robinson:-

I have been contemplating for some time making a change in my denominational affiliations, and want to take you into my confidence, and have you use your best endeavors to help me. I am having a good time here, but I think I would be happier and in my truer element outside the Methodist church. Now you may be in a position to recommend me to some church where you know there is a vacancy, and would take the risk of standing spo sponsor for me. Anything you could do I would greatly appreciate.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely Yours,

C L Walworth

AUBURN. OCT 17th 1907.

Rev W Courtland, Robinson.

Syracuse, N, Y.

My dear friend

I want you to know how much I appreciate your goodness and kindness to me during the time of my confinement in this Institution.

The thought which prompted your kindness to me is prized so highly, and your many good visits have been a great source of comfort to me, (more than you will ever know) and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the good cheer you have brought meeach and every time.

I enjoyed a lovely call from Mrs Soules(Put Edgerton) this afternoon, and we went over the old days in Delhi when we were young.

I wish you the success which you deserve in your new field of work, and I can only say God bless and keep you, and yours always is my sincere prayer.

You kindness to me will ever remain green in Memories Casket, and I trust someday you can truly say Charley tried to make good.

With kindest regards to your good Wife and Mrs Edgerton, also that bright Son of yours, believe me ever your true and sincere friend

C. S. Woodruff.

Syracuse, N.Y.
June 18th 07.

Rev Courtland Robinson,
City.

Dear Sir:

In looking over the morning paper I notice an account of the intended consolidation of the Park Presbyterian and First Reformed Churches and in this article you are quoted to have said that you were in favor of it etc.

Now I have not been in the city long enough to have become familiar with all the conditions that exist, but being interested in the protestant church in general and the Presbyterian in particular I know something of what is going on and I am surprised at the stand which you

take.

The Park church on Fayette Park and the Reformed church on James St have to my mind the two best location for churches in Syracuse today.

Your argument that these churches are located down town and hence do not draw the people I cant quite see the force of for the reason that there have been no churches of any consequence built in the suburbs from which these churches draw.

If it is a fact that these two churches are not in a prosperous condition then there must be something the matter either with the church as an organization or with the pastor.

I believe the trouble is with the preaching. You probably use every means to attract people except the plain expounding of the gospel. You possibly forget to tell

the people that there is a hell as well as a heaven and that one must try at least to live up to rules as laid down in the Bible.

Nowadays protestant ministers seem to always preach on an optimistic vein tell the people that the world is getting better all the time, that it dont make much difference whether one goes to church or not and he can believe all of the Bible or part of it.

It is such talk as this that is ruining the protestant churches today practically all the trouble is right in the pulpit I am no alarmist or bigot but as a businessman I can see the trend of affairs.

The Roman Catholic church is very prosperous and getting more powerful every day. You never hear the

complaint that their members don't attend church or that because the suburbs are growing the down town churches must be abandoned.

Why is this? It is simply because they have strict rules and the members must live up to them. The priests preach that it is absolutely necessary for the members to attend church.

There is no fighting among the catholic clergy and they are not trying to find flaws in the bible or in their doctrines.

It seems to me you protestant ministers should take a lesson from them. A few weeks ago a catholic priest preached on the subject Why am I a catholic? and said some very scathing things about protestants. Now why didn't some of you ministers answer him and give reasons why you believe as you do. The facts the protestant

church is getting in disrepute in the world because the ministers are not preaching the gospel as they should but are doing almost everything else

Now I am not writing this to criticize you individually because I dont know you at all and never heard you preach but I have read the subject of some of your sermons and also the above mentioned interview and it is just possible that you are not taking the lesson from the Roman Catholics that you should.

Possibly I am looking on the dark side but as a young business man watching events as they are reported in the daily papers I can't help but think that the Catholics are

gaining all the time and the protestants are loosing.

I would like to hear you preach on the subject "Why I am a protestant" I am

Yours Sincerely

J E Wallace

Syracuse

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